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- 1. FOLLOWING YOUR SUGGESTION PARA 3 REFTEL A, WE HAVE SPOKEN TWICE WITH DR ILTIS OF PRAGUE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WHO REFUSED ANY COMMENT ON SITUATION REGARDING JEWISH CEMETERIES IN SLOVAKIA, SAYING THEY DID NOT FALL INTO HIS BAILIWICK.
- 2. ON DR. ILTIS' ADVICE, WE NEXT CONTACTED MRS. LIPOVA OF THE CENTRAL UNION (SVAZ) OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE SLOVAK SOCIALCPT REPUBLIC, ADDRESS: 801 00 BRATISLAVA, SMERALOVA ULICE. SHE ALSO DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION, AND ADVISED THAT PERSONS SEEKING INFORMATION FROM ABROAD SHOULD CONTACT THE SVAZ DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH AN EMBASSY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SVAZ, TO WHOM INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED, IS JULIUS EHRENTHAL, AT THE SAME ADDRESS.
- 3. COMMENT: AS WE MENTIONED IN DECEMBER (REF B),

NORMALLY SOME FORM OF "CONSULTATION" BETWEEN GOVERNMENT PLANNERS AND JEWISH COMMUNITY OFFICIALS WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE A CEMETERY WERE MOVED TO HOKE WAY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW CONSTRUCTION;

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT VIEWS AND INTERESTS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY AT LARGE--AS DISTINCT FROM THOSE OF OFFICIALS WHO "REPRESENT" IT--WOULD BE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION. BY DECLINING TO ANSWER EMBASSY'S REPEATED INQUIRIES, ILTIS AND LIPOVA LEND CREDENCE TO RABBI RUBIN'S SUSPICIONS, WHICH, HOWEVER, WE ARE REGRETFULLY UNABLE TO CONFIRM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO

MONITOR THIS SITUATION CLOSELY AND REPORT FURTHER DEVELOP	MENTS.
END COMMENT.	
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